The foundation of the new Power House at Pallivasal.

22. **Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the depth below the surface of the earth of the rock on which the new foundation of the Power House at Pallivasal is laid ; and

(*b*) the distance of that foundation from the first one which had to be discarded ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) The depths below the surface of the earth of the rock on which the new foundation of the Power House at Pallivasal is laid are 28' and 42' at the two corners of the first end, and 10' and 12' at the rear end.

(*b*) $1\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether this particular site has been discovered as a result of the enquiry or by accident?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : That was discovered by investigation.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether investigations were made before to find out a suitable way of accommodation for the new power house ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Not, that I am aware of.

Women and Children's hospitals in Kottayam Division.

23. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state how many hospitals for women and children are there in the Kottayam Division of the Travancore State ?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: There are no hospitals in the Kottayam Division exclusively set apart for women and children. But there are lady doctors attached to the District Hospitals at Kottayam and Parur.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail (*Nominated*) : May I know the reason why lady doctors were not appointed in certain hospitals?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: There was no sufficient demand for the same.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail: May I know whether the member is aware that more than half the population of the State consists of females ?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: Yes.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail : Then, may I know why the Government have not considered the necessity for appointing lady doctors in all the hospitals of the State ?

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Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: Women generally do not object to being treated by men doctors. Wherever lady doctors are found necessary they are being appointed.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether there is any hospital for women and children in north Travancore?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: No.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know the reason why?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: There was no urgent necessity for the same.

Mr. R. V. Thomas: What has become of the redistribution of hospitals in general and of women and children's hospital in particular in north Travancore?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: It is to be considered along with the reorganisation scheme of hospitals in the State:

Mr. P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Are there not many women going to General Hospital though there is a women and children's hospital.

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: Yes.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: How is it that the women do not go in larger numbers to the General Hospital?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: There is a separate hospital for women and children and yet many women go to General Hospital.

Covenant entered into with the Transport Superintendent.

24. ***Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the covenant entered into with Mr. Salter, Superintendent, State Transport?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The member is referred to pages 505 and 506 of the latest Civil List corrected up to the 1st Edavam 1113, wherein the contents of the covenant are given.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail: May I know whether it is the practice to refer the member to other documents when answering a question?

President: Yes. It is allowed.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail: Is there any stipulation that the Transport Superintendent will be given a portion of the gain realised in the Transport Scheme?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Yes, Sir. There is a stipulation in the covenant that he will be paid 5 per cent of the net profits if that exceeds 7½ per cent after deducting depreciation charges.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail: Is it over and above his pay and allowance?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Yes, Sir.

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